BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY
YOUNG ADULT DIVISION
GRAND ARMY PLAZA
BROOKLYN 38, NEW YORK

The Pilot

Vol. 33, No. 1 | Fort Hamilton High School, Brooklyn 9, New York | October 17, 1958

Reorganize Service Corps; To Honor Best

By Heike De Blasio

The Service Corps, under the direction of Mr. Francis Ptak, has undergone a complete reorganization. New rules and regulations have been established in order to make the school safer and more pleasant for all students and teachers.

Upon entering room 149, the Work and Record Room, one can see a large bulletin board containing what looks like a hundred small round tags hanging on a hundred hooks. This board is the "brain" of the new system. Mr. Ptak, who devised it, proudly explained the board and its functions.

Each Hook a Post

Each hook is a post (exits, telephone, reception room) of the members covering each door and seven periods of study. On the hooks are white tags representing every person on the Corps and his respective post. By means of this board, daily attendance, lateness, and possible cutting is checked.

All Service Corps members (approximately 300) carry identification cards containing their names, prefects, and the period during which they cover posts. Also, they wear identification buttons of white plastic and dark blue with similar information typed on them.

Corpsman of the Month

A Service Corpsman of the Month will be elected as a tribute for excellent service rendered. This honor is to be bestowed upon a member of the Corps recommended and elected by the teachers. He must have qualities of neatness politeness, punctuality, cooperation, and accommodation. The Service Corpsman of the Month will be presented with a trophy, and each new winner will receive publicity in the *Pilot*.

To Paint 'Town' In Annual Contest

Once again the time draws near when students throughout Bay Ridge will don their smocks and trudge off to 86th Street, bent on covering shop windows with glorious color.

On October 29, a week from next Wednesday, the Annual Halloween Art Contest, open to students in the 6th year elementary school and above, will take place.

The contest, sponsored jointly by the Bay Ridge Community Council and the 86th Street Board of Trade, affords students an opportunity of exhibiting their talent and industriousness to the community.

Miss Anna C. Dick, head of the Art Department, is chairman of the contest.

Open School Hours To Draw Parents

On Monday afternoon, November 10, from 1 to 3 P.M.; and on Thursday evening, November 13, from 7 to 9 P.M., Hamilton will be open to the parents of all students.

The purpose of setting aside these days is to create a better understanding between the parents and the faculty.

Mothers and fathers will have an opportunity of speaking to the teachers and of seeing the school.

G.O. Officers and Reps

Photo by Barreca

Front row: Kenneth Torp, President; Janet Wilson, Secretary; Agatha Seneca, Treasurer; Dom Di Mauro, Vice-President. Standing (Representatives for Class Year): Kathy Gilje, Freshmen; Dorine Bohman, Sophomores; Charles Schwenk, Juniors; Sally Nelson, Seniors. At right (seated): Mr. Joseph Kottmann and (standing) Mr. Eugene Sterne, G.O. Advisers.

New G. O. Officers Take Over Duties With Zeal

By Amy Hittner

Last May, the student body of Fort Hamilton High School elected four seniors to represent them as the officers of the General Organization.

Heading the list is Kenneth Torp, this year's president, a handsome, collegiate-type student who has been vigorously engaging in school activities for three years. He is a member of Arista, assisted Miss Violet Miller as a mathematics tutor, and was on the cafeteria service squad, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Schapiro.

After high school, Ken plans to attend City College for a degree in salesmanship. He has a keen interest in automobiles and worked as an auto mechanic last summer.

When asked what he intends to accomplish as president of the G.O., he answered, "I shall endeavor to represent my fellow students to the best of my ability and try to carry out their desires through their representatives."

Dominick Di Mauro

Next in line is the vice-president, Dominick Di Mauro. Like his coworker, he is an active member of Arista and has also tutored in mathematics. He was on the biology laboratory squad for three years and is a member of the track team. Dom seems to have a partiality for the position of vice-president, for he was also elected vice-president of the senior class.

After graduation in June, he plans to attend either Seton Hall or St. Johns University, and will major in science.

Janet Wilson

Now to the feminine side of the General Organization officers. Janet Wilson, a pretty, vivacious senior, was elected secretary. She has contributed much to school spirit, since she was a member of Boosters and is now on the Cheering Squad. Last June she was elected Junior Prom Princess.

Janet seems to have an inclination toward secretarial duties, for she is also secretary of the Curtaintimers and secretary for science teacher Mr. Paul Szabo. She is also a member of the Trinity Club and the Modern Dance Class. Janet expects to attend Hofstra College for a business course after graduation.

Agatha Seneca

Last, but certainly not least, is Agatha Seneca, the money manager of all G.O. funds. Like her fellow officers, Agatha has contributed much of her time to school activities. At present, she is vice-president of the Newman Club and secretary to Mr. Joseph Kottmann. She was one of the six finalists for the Junior Prom Princess and is a member of the

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

PTA Resumes Its Activities Oct. 27

The PTA will resume its activities with the first meeting of the year, scheduled for October 27, a week from next Monday.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Mr. Salvatore Salamone, president; Miss Elizabeth Ahearn, vice-president; Mr. Martin Sorenson, treasurer; Mrs. Caesar Pucci, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Eugene Olson, recording secretary.

They will work to fulfill the purpose of the PTA, defined by Miss Ahearn as "cooperation between parents and teachers in order to benefit students."

Principal Gives Brief Outline of Point Plan

To answer certain questions that may be in the minds of students, particularly those new to the school, Mr. Leder has briefly outlined the service point system.

Students who have additional questions should consult their official teachers.

Questions and Answers

Who should give service to the school? Every pupil every term.

Why? 1. To make the school a better place for all.
2. To enjoy an additional educational experience.
3. To enhance his record for purposes of college entrance, admission to Arista, business references, etc.

How? By serving as a table captain in the cafeteria, member of a service squad, hall patrol, etc., officer of a club, manager of an athletic team, or in many other ways which help the school.

When? During study periods, *lunch periods*, before school, after school, Regents Week, PTA evenings, etc.

How is service credited to pupils? The teachers in charge of service activities send service cards to the SERVICE OFFICE (Now 351) every term. Points are entered on report cards, service record cards, and permanent records.

How much service is expected? Every pupil ought to average five points of service per term. *For Arista, at least ten points must be cafeteria service.*

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

128 Students Achieve Place on Honor Roll

By Charlene Alekel

Last year 128 students obtained an average of 90% or higher in their major subjects and became eligible for the honor roll. Among these are members of the class of June '58.

The five students who led the June graduates were Lee Rosenblum, 97.6; Elysabeth Korein, 97; Susan Jablonsky, 96.8; Linda Caccavo, 96.75; and Mary Ann Barnao, 96.

The following students were highest in the junior year: Joan Amatucci, 96.75; Donald Goer, 96; and Jonathan Kamin, 96.

In June 1957 the highest average was Margaret Moore's 97.6. In 1958 Jacquelyn Appel, a sophomore at the time, achieved a brilliant 98.6 — the highest average in the school. Close behind were Fred Buffa, 96.4, and Arnold Anderson, 95.8.

Joan Dalldorf and Rosalie Carlito led their freshman class with identical averages of 96.25.

Following is the honor roll for the September 1957-June 1958 year.

Fourth Year

Lee Rosenblum, 97.6; Elysabeth Korein, 97; Susan Jablonsky, 96.8; Linda Caccavo, 96.75; Mary Ann Barnao, 96; Barbara Brill, 95.8; Harry Quayle, 95.6; Louise Segrato, 95.5; Karen Larsen, 94.75; Carol Magnussen, 94.6; Judith Halper, 93.8.

Aaron Zolotor, 93.8; Audrey Meberg, 93.3; Evelyn Richardson, 93; Vincent Delia, 92.5; Frank Gibbs, 92.2; Roger Johnson, 92.2; Denise Donnelly, 92; Angela La Preta, 91.75; Jean Moser, 91.75; Carol Scudero, 91.75.

Walter Peters, 91.67; Sandra Schechter, 91.5; Fulvio Babich, 91; John Fenniman, 91; Jeannette Treacy, 91; June Nilsen, 90.75; Virginia Balasis, 90.5; James Cummins, 90.4; Barbara Firnino, 90.35; Ellinor Heimdal, 90; Helen Kiramidis, 90.

Third Year

Joan Amatucci, 96.75; Jonathan Kamin, 96; Donald Goer, 96; Brenda Mudgett, 95.8; Douglas Kalesh, 95.4; Harold Skilbred, 95.4; Margaret Moore, 95.2; Paula Sclafani, 95.2; Virginia Wardell, 94.8; Carol Wilson, 94.6; Barbara Brautman, 94.4; Betty Ann Solomon, 94.

Morris Kramer, 93; Winfried Hansen, 93; Virginia Nisco, 92.8; Arthur Cadorine, 92.6; Karen Swenson, 92.6; Arleen Pedersen, 92.5; Dorothy Cali, 92.2; Sandra Nisco, 92; Judith Rizika, 91.8; Janet Hardiman, 91.6; Ruth Joos, 91.4; Paul Kramer, 91.2; Dolores Grieco, 91; Maxine Rosenzweig, 91; Marge Takvam, 90.8.

Arthur Broder, 90.6; Carol Laub,

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

3 Seniors Win In Merit Exams

Three seniors became semi-finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Awards this year. They are Margaret Moore, Virginia Wardell, and Jonathan Kamin.

Out of approximately 479,000 candidates, 10,000 throughout the country were chosen as semi-finalists on the basis of an examination taken last May.

The finalists will be determined on the basis of high scores on the College Board Exams, scheduled for December 6; extra-curricular activity; school citizenship; and leadership.

'Tower' Staff Ponders Theme

New horizons, the four seasons, or the personality development of the high school student? Which of these will be the theme of this year's *Tower?*

The staff, under the supervision of Mrs. Mildred Liger and Miss Elizabeth Steinmetz, is hard at work trying to make this decision so that work on the yearbook can get under way without delay.

The members hope to have a vertical book with some colored pages. However, this all depends upon the cost. Senior biographies, similar to those printed in last year's *Tower*, will definitely be included.

Members of the editorial staff are Karen Swenson, editor-in-chief; Betty Ann Solomon, literary editor; Pat Piro, art editor; Karen McCarthy, photography editor; and Phil Farran, social director. The non-editorial members include Pam Manzi, Sandra Nisco, Virginia Nisco, Bjorg Olsen, Anne Reich, Paula Sclafani, and Jan Schecter.

Quick Calendar

Oct. 31	End of First Quarter
Nov. 4	Election Day (no school)
Nov. 10	Report Cards Distributed (check blood pressure)
Nov. 10	Open School Afternoon
Nov. 11	Veterans Day (no school)
Nov. 13	Open School Night
Nov. 20	*Pilot* published
Nov. 27, 28	Thanksgiving Holidays (eat!)
Dec. 3	Arista Assembly
Dec. 18	*Pilot* published
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 incl.	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 15	*Pilot* published

The Editors Say...

Welcome, Freshmen

Who was it who said, "Nothing is more constant than change"? Well, what is more constantly changing than our school?

Last June we said farewell to hundreds of graduates and saw some of our favorite teachers leave us. But now we have a new group of seniors on the graduation list and new faculty members to be welcomed.

Not only do we have changes of student body and faculty, we have changes of ideas and activities. For instance, cafeteria service is now being required for Arista eligibility; the Service Corps is being reorganized; the literary magazine is being revived; a public speaking club has been formed for the first time.

This list goes on and on, but the biggest and most important change is the one which can make our school grow and develop over the years—the new freshmen body every September.

Welcome, freshmen, and may your stay in Hamilton be rich, rewarding and enjoyable.

—o—

Victory Over Handicaps

Happy birthday, Teddy Roosevelt!

One hundred years ago October 27, the twenty-sixth president of the United States was born in New York City.

There have been many presidents, but they are not all well-known. How often is reference made to Chester A. Arthur, or Franklin Pierce—except, perhaps, in history classes?

Why, then, is Teddy Roosevelt's birthday celebrated? Why is he considered to have been an outstanding president?

The events in his administration did not make him famous. Instead, it was his character and ideas that survived him.

Theodore Roosevelt became a distinguished man in spite of many handicaps. He was troubled by extremely poor vision, asthma, and a host of childhood diseases and deficiencies. The mind can be a terrible prisoner in a weak body.

However, by sheer force of will and indomitable perseverance, this man developed into a person of capabilities. He became a good boxer, a good rider, a good marksman, a tireless walker.

Such a story of victory over handicaps holds encouragement for others in life who also have "the odds against them." It is worth remembering that conscientious effort can overcome terrible affliction.

Odds and Ends

By Jacquelyn Appel

The highest price ever paid for a book was paid for a Gutenberg Bible which sold for $200,000 in 1954.

The first sports magazine was the "American Turf Register and Sporting Magazine," published in 1829.

The maximum recorded sway on the Empire State Building occurred on March 22, 1936, during a 102 mph gale. It was 2.97 inches.

The ostrich produces the largest egg of all living birds. The eggs are 6 to 7 inches in length and 4 to 6 inches in diameter. They require 40 minutes for boiling.

The first high school appeared in Boston in 1820. It was open to boys who were at least twelve years of age and had a knowledge of reading, writing, grammar, and arithmetic as far as simple proportions.

The fastest wing beat of any insect is 57,000 per minute.

The most expensive standard cars in the world are the Pegasos manufactured in Spain. Some sell for $27,440.

The creature with the greatest number of legs is the millipede. One species has 784 legs.

Philip Yazdzik of Chicago, Illinois, ate 77 hamburgers at one sitting on April 25, 1955.

The richest man in the United States is Haroldson Lafayette Hunt, owner of the Hunt Oil Company in Texas. He is said to have an income of about 50 million a year and a capital of about 2,000 million.

The first safety pin was invented by Walter Hunt of New York City in 1849.

New Literary Adviser Plans Creative Outlet

By Judy Rizika

Vivacious, friendly, attractive. This is the only way to describe Miss Helen P. Gerlach, one of Fort Hamilton's newest teachers.

Last year Miss Gerlach came here from Bushwick High and has already undertaken the duties of reorganizing the literary magazine. Since she helped put out the senior yearbook at her former school, she is evidently well qualified for this new task.

To Stress Creative Talent

The literary magazine, which hasn't been published for a number of years, will contain the works of students in the English classes. Material to be published will include short stories, poetry, articles, and various forms of art work. The booklet will contain approximately 48 pages and will be sold through the English classes. Heike De Blasio, 4A5, will be editor-in-chief.

Enjoys Traveling

Having been bitten by the traveling bug a few years ago, Miss Gerlach visited such interesting places as Switzerland, France, Holland, Italy, England, and the Canadian Rockies. Said she enthusiastically, "I enjoyed different features in each place I visited. I especially liked the pageantry of England, the beautiful scenery of Switzerland, and the contrasts between the ancient and modern which are simultaneously found in Rome."

Reading and the Theatre

Like those of a typical English teacher, Miss Gerlach's chief interests are reading and attending the theater. Her last year's favorite Broadway shows included *Sunrise at Campobello* and *Time Remembered.*

Asked by your reporter about her ambition for the new literary magazine, she replied, "I hope that through it the students of Fort Hamilton will have an opportunity to write or read some of the creative work that can be produced in this school, and that this experience in time may add to their literary appreciation."

—o—

Puzzle-Buzzle

A shopkeeper's brother died, but the man who died had no brother. How was this possible?

The shopkeeper was a woman.

If it takes three minutes to boil an egg, how long does it take to boil three eggs?

Three minutes.

If it takes three men ten days to dig a hole, how long does it take them to dig half a hole?

Let's see you dig half a hole.

Round About

By Margaret Moore

Question: Have you any alternate suggestions for the proposed Narrows Bridge and the Seventh Avenue approach?

Marilyn Anderson, 4A5:

Besides the outright annihilation of Robert Moses, I suggest that they construct the proposed Liberty Bridge or a shore approach to the Narrows Bridge. The Narrows, with respect to the second proposal, could be filled in to create a six-lane highway, eliminating the need for the Seventh Avenue approach. (Incidentally, my house is on Seventh Avenue.)

Ronald Abamonte, 3B18:

I don't care. The bridge will not affect me in any way.

Karen DeGraff, 2BJ27:

I'd rather not see the bridge built at all, but I prefer the Shore Road approach.

Betty Ferlaino, 3B4:

I suggest the six-lane shore approach in spite of the heavy traffic it will bring.

Mr. William Shine, Music Dept.:

I am opposed to the bridge for several reasons. The construction would be a military hazard, since the bombing of the bridge would block New York Harbor. Of course, the bridge would ruin the beautiful section of Bay Ridge. And I live on Seventh Avenue—a small reason for opposition.

—o—

Quotable Quotes

Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

Ronald E. Osborn

—o—

Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius.

Henri Frederic Amiel

—o—

Man is a pliable animal, a being who gets accustomed to everything!

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

—o—

"A wise old owl sat on an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard;
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?"

Edward Hersey Richards

Joys of a Senior

· Backwash ·

By Karen Swenson

It seems that the school year has just started, and already our ubiquitous grade advisers are racking their brains for courses which will plague and bedevil us next year. Already we are being summoned in droves to the office, where we sign little white slips which tell us the type of torture we must be prepared to undergo.

The student at first signs his name recklessly, without any serious thought on the matter. But after about five years in the school, he becomes crafty and cogitates long and deeply upon his future course of study. He first learns what the course is. Classes are divided into three categories: Hard, Extra-Hard, and Oy-vay. Students should choose their courses to suit their capabilities. Why take solid geometry when you can take applied fractions?

Be Close to the Exit

The next thing our hypothetical student finds out is where the course is given. For instance, his fourth period class should be in the basement or on the first floor, to insure said student's position at the head of the fifth period lunch line. And his eighth period class (if he *must* have one) should be no more than ten yards from a convenient exit. The nature of certain classes must also be compensated for by a nice view of the shore, providing a suitable background for meditations on today's special in the cafeteria, on Susie or Johnny, or that show at the Dyker.

Program Should Suit Personality

There are also many small details essential to the fine art of program juggling, as any expert can tell you. You must arrange your day to suit your personality. Naturally, you are not at your best in the morning, so you arrange to have a major the first period. There you can catch forty winks and be bright and ready for anything in that second period study hall. This first period class should also be near your prefect so that you don't have to wake up completely between classes. Just have a friend guide you through the door and push you in the general direction of your class. There another pal will be waiting to catch you as you drift by, and put you gently into your seat.

Choose Thoughtfully and Wisely

Before choosing a course, ask yourself these questions: Will it help me in later life? Will I get Regents credit for it? Can I eat my lunch in class? How many of my friends are taking this course? How many paper planes can I produce in one period? How often can I get the pass? If you can answer all these questions favorably, then this is the course for you. You might spread the word around, too; I've been looking for one like it for five years.

A Full Program

But I have my program all lined up for next year. It consists of Advanced Goldbricking, Second Year Somnambulism, History of Antarctica, Sandpile Technique, two lunch periods, and study.

And then there's the course that teaches me how to write idiotic drivel like this.

—o—

A Choice 500

The difference is slight, to the influence of an author, whether he is read by five hundred readers, or by five hundred thousand; if he can select the five hundred, he reaches the five hundred thousand.

—Henry Brooks Adams

The Pilot

(*First Place, Columbia Scholastic Press Association*)

Published by the Students of

Fort Hamilton High School

Brooklyn 9, New York

JON B. LEDER, *Principal*

Editorial Board

Editor-in-Chief ..... Margaret Moore
Advertising Manager ..... Jacquelyn Appel
News Editor ..... Virginia Gordy
Assistant ..... Pamela Gersten
Sports Editor ..... Jonathan Charney
Advertising Editor ..... Carol Anne Rabe
Circulation Manager ..... Jonathan Kamin

Reporters and Feature Writers

Charlene Alekel, Barbara Bold, Heike De Blasio, Joan Donnen, Jocelyn Jansen, Amy Hittner, Phyllis Johnson, Faye Natanblut, Sonja Olsen, Debby Pisetzner, Judith Rizika, Janet Ray, Cecily Rosenzweig, Maxine Rosenzweig, Marilyn Ryan, Kenneth Sipley, Karen Swenson, Harold Skilbred, John Yellen.

Typists and Assistants

Joanne Astarbi, Rosann Fazio, Patricia Naccari, Roseann Williams; Kenneth Ward.

Photographers and Artists

Bonnie Breslin, Chief Artist; John Cardello, David Goldberg, Karen McCarthy; Thomas Barreca, Robert Chartrand.

Cubs

Seth Charney, Glenn Collins, Robert Gillespie, Stephen Kaufman, Margaret Serota.

Faculty Adviser

Jacob C. Solovay

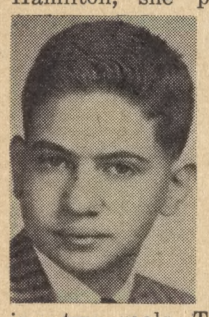
Eastern Press Inc., Brooklyn 17, N. Y. 185

SPORTS DECK

By Jonathan Charney

"These boys are imbued with intrepid spirit and fight. Their pass-work is excellent." So spoke Mr. Gordon Lebowitz, coach of our live-wire soccer team.

This group of boys, under the leadership of its newly elected captain, Larry Diamond, has been victorious in its last two outings. In its first game of the season, the team blanked Midwood 5-0. To mention who scored the goals would be almost impossible—they came so quickly. Not to belittle Midwood, we must state that after her defeat at the hands of Fort Hamilton, she promptly reeled off three straight wins.



Drub Lincoln

The Blue and White continued its victorious streak by thrashing Lincoln 4-1. Jenkinson and Rafoss led the team, each scoring two goals. They were aided on the offensive by Bentsen, on right wing, who had two assists; and Jensen, the center half, who had one assist. An exciting play of the game was set up by Bentsen, resulting in a goal scored.

At the beginning of the season, the position of goalie on the soccer team was vacant. Mr. Lebowitz interviewed applicants and Lislevatin seemed to qualify. On the basis of Fort Hamilton's first two games, it appears that he has a permanent berth now.

Defensive Ability

"The difference between our team and that of the opponents is our defensive ability," concluded Mr. Lebowitz.

Chris Giannokouros and Larry Jensen have held up this position with utmost strength. Rafoss, Jenkinson, and Lislevatin maintained, with gargantuan effort, a strong offensive.

Now is the time for all good sophomores to try out for the team.

Lloyed Monsen, alumnus of the Blue and White soccer team, is a member of the *Ankora*, the soccer team of Bay Ridge.

—o—

School Service Contest to Bring Many Cash Prizes

"Why Serve Your School?" is the topic for a composition contest being conducted by the English Department this month. Unlike previous writing contests, this is one in which only those students *not* in English honor classes may participate.

There will be a total of 36 winners and $60 in cash prizes. These prizes are to be awarded on grade levels: $5 for each of four first prize winners; $3 for each of four second prize winners; and one dollar for each of seven honorable mentions from each grade.

"The winning compositions will be selected by a committee of English teachers," said Mr. Jerome Carlin, Chairman of the Department.

Each of the first prize compositions will appear in a future issue of the *Pilot*, along with a group photograph of the winners.

Beacons Install 28 New Members

Senior Mara Milgravis has been elected president of the Beacons, while the other new officers are Pat Ansara, vice-president, and Faye Natanblut, secretary.

Beacons, the honorary health education society, is composed of carefully selected girls who exemplify the ideals of health, scholarship, and sportsmanship, said Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, adviser.

On October 8, the following 28 new Beacons were installed: Anita Andersen, Carol Andersen, Charlotte Anderson, Athena Constantine, Rita Cyens, Deanna Dempsey, Gwen Edmonds, Ginny Floor, Jo Anne Friedman, Jocelyn Jansen, Valerie La Ferla, Diane Million, Mary Millisis, Eileen Olsen, Karin Olsen, Sonja Olsen, Debby Pisetzner, Barbara Pucci, Joyce Rachlin, Kay Shakel, Laila Terland, Karen Quay, Carolyn Soden, Helene Brachfield, Elaine Ekeland, Joan Brautman, Linda Donnelly, Carol Ann Hagen.

—o—

Six Teachers Leave Hamilton

Six faculty members of Fort Hamilton, long familiar to the students, are no longer with us.

Mr. Thomas L. Byron, former Chairman of the Secretarial Studies Department, and Mrs. Celia Willison, social studies teacher and grade adviser, both retired last month.

Mr. Samuel Chelimsky, former Acting Chairman of the Music Department, is now District Supervisor of Music for the Queens Junior High Schools.

Now Chairman of the Boys Health Education Department at Charles Evans Hughes is Mr. Sol Siegel, who left Fort Hamilton at the end of last June.

Mrs. Frederica Hyer, formerly of the Science Department, has been transferred to Washington Irving High School as Acting Chairman of Biology there. Mrs. Helen Low, also of the Biology Department, transferred to Erasmus Hall.

Stepping in to replace Mr. Byron as Acting Chairman of the Secretarial Studies Department is Miss Sally Van Bokkelen. Mr. Herbert Lessell is now Acting Chairman of the Music Department.

—o—

Soccer Schedule

Lincoln	Home	Oct. 21
Grady	Away	Oct. 23
Brooklyn Tech	Home	Oct. 28
Lafayette	Away	Oct. 30
Manual	Home	Nov. 6

Soccer Boys in Action

Photo by Barreca

Boys warm up on athletic field in preparation for some hot games.

Busy Soccer Mentor Needs 48-Hour Day

By John Yellen

Can you think of a busier person than Mr. Gordon Lebowitz, Chairman of the Health Education Department? Frankly, I can't.

A native New Yorker, Mr. Lebowitz was born in Brooklyn and attended City College where he was a member of the football and basketball varsity teams. Later he played professional basketball and subsequently served as a referee in numerous high school and college basketball games.

Before coming to Fort Hamilton he taught in elementary school, then was Chairman of Health Education in junior high school. Subsequently he was chairman at Eastern District where he coached varsity basketball and baseball. He is chairman of PSAL basketball for all New York City.

Teaches in College

At present he gives courses in "Methods of Teaching Health Education" at the City College Graduate School of Education. Whatever leisure time he has is spent in golfing. He has done sculpturing, but can't seem to find enough time for it. He also has written articles on basketball for technical magazines and teachers publications. Summers are devoted to running an outstanding boys camp in the Adirondacks. He has also played summer stock, and the "ham" occasionally crops up in his classes.

Hopes for Good Soccer Year

During his ten-year tenure in this school, Mr. Lebowitz has coached the soccer team for four seasons and has also acted as adviser for the Gym Team. When asked about soccer prospects for this year, he commented, "The outlook is very good, but it is still too early in the season to talk about the championship." He expressed keen disappointment that only three new boys had reported for tryouts. "The team still has a few weak spots and is constantly searching for new talent," he added.

—o—

5 From School At 'Empire State'

How is New York State's government run?

History students from New York State schools discussed this topic at the American Legion sponsored Empire Boys' State (Colgate University) and at Empire Girls' State (New Paltz State Teachers College) during the last week in June.

The students given the honor of representing Fort Hamilton High School were: Betty Ann Solomon, 4B8; Arthur Cadorine, 4B16; Douglas Kalesh, 4B14; Morris Kramer, 4A5; and Harold Skilbred, 4A11.

All of them agreed that it was an unusual and stimulating experience.

Over 100 Take Scholarship Exams

During the past two days over one hundred seniors took the New York State Regents Scholarship Examination. This is a highly competitive examination and determines awards for five types of scholarships, each determined by the financial need of students.

These scholarships are the following:

1. Regents College Scholarships.
2. Regents Scholarships for Basic Professional Education in Nursing.
3. Regents Scholarships for Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics.
4. Regents Scholarships for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans.
5. Cornell Scholarships.

Coaches Look Ahead to Good Sports Season

By Kenneth Sipley

Last year the Blue and White baseball team had an 11-9 record, the golf team won 7 and lost 1, and the bowling team won its sectional championship. The coaches of these and the other teams agree that they should do as well, if not better, this year.

The baseball team will have twenty veterans back, and Coach Francis Ptak feels that they have a good chance for a PSAL championship. The starting team is composed of veterans, most of them seniors. There will be room for thirty boys on the team this year, and, if the turnout is large enough, Mr. Ptak would like to start a junior varsity team.

Harriers Hit by Graduation

The cross-country team, also coached by Mr. Ptak, was hard hit by graduation. There are five returning veterans, and all men who come out for the team will be carried. Tryouts are still being held for the 2½ mile course.

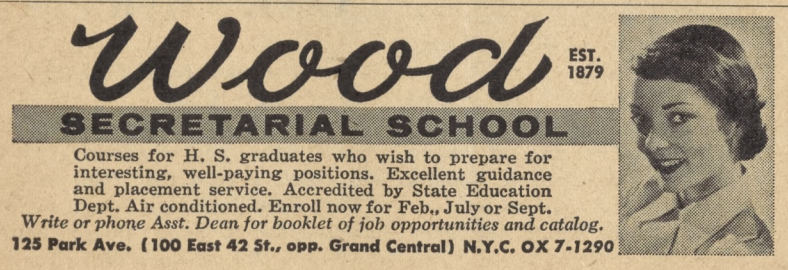
Mr. Gordon Lebowitz has fifteen veterans returning on the soccer team. Although three men were lost, he feels that the prospects are very good.

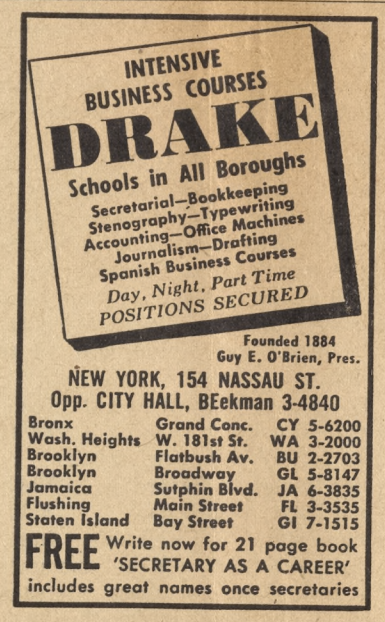
Turnout Disappointing

"The turnout was very disappointing," Mr. Lebowitz said. "No one came out for goalie, and we had to switch an important man to this position, thereby weakening another position."

The golf team, under Mr. John Matheson, gave up but one match—to Brooklyn Tech. Only one boy was lost through graduation, its captain. However, Mr. Matheson says that they will give a good account of themselves if they remain scholastically safe.

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)





THE BROOKLYN CENTER
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Now accepting applications for admission for the semesters beginning February, 1959 and September, 1959.

The Brooklyn Center provides the personal attention characteristic of the small liberal arts college—at a point in New York City easily reached by all subways. Classes are small and tuition is moderate.

The Brooklyn Center is made up of the College of Liberal Arts and Science, the College of Business Administration and the Graduate School, offering a variety of educational opportunities.

New dormitory facilities will be available for resident students in September, 1959.

Write or phone for Catalog A or visit:
Office of Admissions, L.I.U. Brooklyn Center, 385 Flatbush Ave. Ext., Brooklyn 1, N. Y.
Phone: ULster 2-9100.

DAY and EVENING SESSIONS

The Brooklyn Center is the original unit of Long Island University, a coeducational, nonsectarian university accredited by the Middle States Association.

Two Study Mice At Jackson Laboratory

Black mice, white mice, gray mice, brown mice—mice of all colors which carry hereditary factors for many characteristics and many diseases. . . .

These mice form the foundation of the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, the largest cancer and biological laboratory in the world, located in Bar Harbor, Maine, at which two Fort Hamilton seniors spent the past summer.

Do Scientific Research

With twenty-seven other students from all over the country, Margaret Moore, 4B4, and Jonathan Kamin, 4A11, participated in the lab's pre-college program. The students worked on individual projects and completed scientific papers on their experiments. They also attended daily from one to three lectures given by scientists from many of the country's finest universities.

Jackson founded the program ten years ago in order to encourage high school students to enter the field of science. The staff of the lab gives freely of its time to supervise the students' work.

Washes Bottles 50 Times

Jonathan worked upon determination of phosphatase content of the muscle tissue in mice afflicted with muscular dystrophy. He learned many experimental techniques and discovered how much tedious routine is involved in running a controlled experiment. This realization was especially enforced by such chores as washing bottles and test tubes fifty times before they were considered clean enough to use.

Margaret tested the effects of the hormone thyroxin on audiogenic seizures in mice, that is, convulsions produced by noise. She made the great discovery that a scientist must always respect the "finagel" factor, the little gremlin that causes mistakes!

Beautiful Atmosphere

The students lived in a beautiful fifty-room mansion that had been donated to the lab. For recreation they swam (brrr!), hiked, picnicked, danced, sang, played tennis and softball, and explored and enjoyed the scenery of adjacent Acadia National Park.

Future scientists have brilliant minds and concoct terrific practical jokes for use upon one another. Ever find a dead mouse in *your* bed?

—o—

Curtaintimers Plan 2 Programs

The Curtaintimers, directed by Mr. Philip Eisman, faculty adviser, will begin their 1958-59 season with two productions.

One is an original work on the benefits of the General Organization, written by Janet Wilson, Steve Grenard, Al Edelman, and Charlotte Greenberg. It will be presented Wednesday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 29.

Richard Sale's *Seven Waves Away*, a Radio Workshop presentation, will be offered November 12, 19, and 26. The Curtaintimers hope that this show will be exciting, suspenseful, and informative.

Need Year of Cafeteria Service

Attention, all candidates for Arista, G.O. office, Senior Class offices, and Senior Council!

As of last month, you must have a minimum of one year of satisfactory cafeteria service, such service to be certified by the teacher in charge of the cafeteria.

There are many types of duties available in the cafeteria to meet the abilities of the candidates for the activities mentioned above.

Students who have not yet enrolled for their cafeteria service should do so now during their lunch period if they wish to be eligible by September 1959.

—o—

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page 1)

90.6; Ingrid Silverman, 90.25; Marcia Eisele, 90; Maria Roselli, 90.

Second Year

Jacquelyn Appel, 98.6; Fred Buffa, 96.4; Arnold Andersen, 95.8; Robert Angelson, 95.2; Eileen Olsen, 95; Pamela Gersten, 94.8; Joyce Rosenbaum, 94.8; Jocelyn Jansen, 94.6; Janet Ray, 94.4; Anna Belland, 94; Charles Schoenmann, 94; Tania Knodjamirian, 93.8.

Richard Glasser, 93.4; Enid Oppenheimer, 93.4; Deborah Pisetzner, 93.4; Florence Beller, 93.2; Angel Fleming, 93; Sonja Olsen, 93; Linda Aylward, 92.8; Carol Anne Rabe, 92.6; Douglas Bumby, 92; Mary Millisis, 92; Faye Natanblut, 92; Belinda Speight, 92.

Flavia Rando, 91.4; Ruth Applebaum, 91.2; Anthony Tumolo, 91.2; Virginia Minor, 91; Susan Macris, 90.8; Barbara Rosen, 90.8; Carol Istrico, 90.6; Alan Levin, 90.2; Joan Donnen, 90; Sharon Mecca, 90; Elvira Patsakow, 90.

First Year

Joan Dalldorf, 96.25; Rosalie Corlito, 96.25; Mildred Thomas, 96.25; Stephen Kaufman, 95.75; George Lewis, 94.75; Dimi Stevenson, 94.25; James Thompson, 94.25; Anne Sundet, 94; Katherine Holler, 93.75.

Patricia Christie, 93.75; Richard Meltzer, 93; Sarah Jordan, 92.75; Jane Mayglothling, 92.5; Mary Batemarco, 92.25; Steven Shama, 92.25; Florence Khoury, 92; Karen Olsen, 92; Martha Tunick, 92; Barry Silverman, 91.5.

Kenneth Borg, 91.25; Nancy Bravman, 90.75; Marjorie Bruzzese, 90.75; Jo Ann Friedman, 90.75; Patricia Korder, 90.5; Leila Hattab, 90.25; Judith Poulos, 90.25; Joan Gudgeon, 90; Regina Speilberg, 90; Marion Tahmizian, 90.

Japanese Guest Attends Classes; Impressed by F.H.

By Jonathan Charney

Fort Hamilton was greatly honored by the presence last month of an overseas visitor. Takao Akiyama of Tokyo, Japan, spent the day attending various classes, accompanied by his host Gerald McIntyre, a junior.

Tokao had been chosen by the Japanese Ministry of Education to represent his country at Camp Rising Sun, the international Scholarship Camp. It was there that Gerald, Hamilton's representative, met him, and subsequently invited the engaging young man over to spend a week at his home before departing for Tokyo.

No Homework, Many Tests

Takao enjoyed the classes and found the American public school system similar to that in his country. There, too, schools are coeducational and free to all; but classes are larger than ours, and all of the instructors are men. He greatly admired Hamilton's beautiful brick building and its fine equipment, particularly the science laboratories. The schools in Japan are built of wood.

"We don't have homework," Takao said, then added with twinkling eyes, "but we have many examinations."

Now in his junior year, Takao is studying Japanese history, Japanese, English, biology, chemistry, and algebra.

He concluded his day with a visit to Mr. Leder whom he found affable and friendly. Upon his departure, he presented the school library with a book entitled *History of Japan*.

—o—

Point System

(Continued from Page 1)

How are points calculated? Except for certain special activities, the general rule is that a period per day per term of "Grade A" service is worth five points; Grade B+, four points; Grade B, three points. If the quality of service is poorer than "B", the pupils should be dropped from the activity.

Is service required for graduation or promotion? No. No public high school may add to the official requirements.

Will the values of different service activities be permanently fixed? No, the law of supply and demand will cause us to revise the point scale as experience suggests. Opinions of pupils and faculty sponsors will be carefully considered.

Will members of athletic teams receive service credit? Only those who do not receive major letters. We believe the service credit will compensate those who have failed to achieve the major letter, but have been faithful members of the squad.

—o—

Seniors Set Dates For Dance, Prom

Many proud seniors are walking along the halls of the "Fort," sporting their Senior Pins which they received last month.

On October 3, at the first Senior Assembly, their status as seniors became official.

Miss Elizabeth G. Hoffman and Mr. James L. Quigley, Administrative Assistants; Mrs. Mary Catania, College Adviser; Miss Rita Duhig, Senior Social Adviser; Mrs. Concetta Bonom and Mrs. Jenny Mayer, Senior Grade Advisers; and the officers of the Senior Council were introduced to the students.

The Senior Council and the Senior Social Committee have arranged the dates for the following events:

Senior Dance	Saturday	Nov. 8
Senior Day	Friday	Feb. 6
Senior Prom	Wednesday	June 3

More activities will be announced at a later date. For those interested, today is the deadline for the Senior Show scripts.

Herpetologist Happy Studying Amphibians

By Margaret Moore

A frog is, by definition, an animal to be let loose in a classroom by a small boy, or a gruesome object which confronts squeamish bio students armed only with scissors.

To Steve Grenard, however, a frog is a subject for absorbing study. This young scientist has just written an article, "The Life History of the Marsupial Frog," which was published in an affiliate journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He obtained the frogs from a friend in Ecuador. Steve is now planning a paper on the status of another genus of frog.

Winner at Science Fair

This busy junior won first prize in the bio division at last year's annual Science Fair, held at Brooklyn Tech, for his project dealing with the effects of insecticides on wildlife. He also had an educational exhibit at the New York Coliseum's Festival of Pets.

Last summer Steve was acting editor of the magazine *Rephibia*, of the New York Herpetological Society. He is a member of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and the New York Zoological Society, and is a co-worker at the American Museum of Natural History. Through these activities, he has gained a deeper insight into his field.

Plans Numerous Projects

Steve, an extremely active Bio Squad member, is becoming a permanent inhabitant of room 302, and has many projects in mind for future work in the bio lab.

Touring New England during the summer, this Hamiltonite enjoyed the historical sections of Boston and Providence. At our own state capital, Albany, he found the government offices unusually interesting.

In college Steve will pursue a premed course, then attend medical school.

Turkish Articles On Exhibit in 214

Assisting Mrs. Elizabeth S. McClenahan and Mrs. Ella Rodemann in the library this year is a new teacher, Mrs. Lila Zeiger. Mrs. Zeiger is actually not new, for she was here for a short time about six years ago.

This librarian, whose hobby is traveling, has a collection of articles from her journey to Turkey on display in the library showcase. Among them are Turkish embroideries, a coffee mill, and shadow puppets made from camel skin.

The use of the showcase is available to any Hamiltonite with a hobby or a collection which he believes will be of interest to the students.

—o—

Organize Club For Public Speakers

The newly-formed Public Speaking Society, under the sponsorship of Miss Georgia Farganis and Miss Mary Ann Shaw, members of the English Department, meets on Thursdays, room 329, after school.

According to Miss Farganis, "The Society's primary purpose is to make the student body and the club members more aware of the wide field of public speaking."

Plans for the future include debates, round-table discussions, and an assembly program.

The club members hope to help advertise basketball games, the Spring play, the Musicale, the Senior Show, and other projects.

—o—

Sports

(Continued from Page 3)

Mr. Kenneth Kern feels that the basketball team may have a very good year. They had a 4-and-6 record last year, and hope to improve on it. The season starts November 14, against their arch rivals, St. Michael's.

40 Returning Cindermen

Although the cindermen have lost their champion mile relay team through graduation, Mr. Joseph Kottmann is not worried about this season. He has forty returning veterans, the largest number in quite a while. A number of stars were lost through graduation, but the coach feels that he will have a better-balanced team this year. The indoor season starts in December, the outdoor season in March.

The rifle team, under Mr. Robert Bedell, had a 4-and-2 record last year, and plans to do at least as well this year. They have four veterans back and weren't hurt by graduation. Their schedule will be tougher this year because Far Rockaway has been added to their league.

Keglers Optimistic

Mr. Harry Flaster is quite pleased with the enthusiasm shown for bowling this year. Over a hundred boys came out for the team. Three veterans are returning, and there are two good prospects. The team lost the boro playoffs but hope to do better this year. All together, they will play ten PSAL matches.

The tennis team, under Mr. Alfred Joltin, has fifteen veterans returning and a number of promising young prospects. The team had a 4-and-4 record last year and hope to improve upon it. Mr. Joltin wants freshmen and sophomores with a love for the game to see him.

Plaques Honor 2 Dead Teachers

On the first floor, outside the general office, are two wall plaques, one in memory of the late Miss Elizabeth E. Scully; the other, of the late Miss Charlotte B. Farquhar. Farther down, just outside the girls gym, is a second plaque honoring Miss Scully. This one and the one commemorating Miss Farquhar were presented by the Fort Hamilton High School faculty.

Miss Scully was a former health education teacher, while Miss Farquhar was Chairman of the Foreign Language Department from 1941 until her death last year.

The names of award winners for excellence in a foreign language are entered on the plaque in memory of Miss Farquhar. At present there are three names on it, all for the year 1958: Lee Rosenblum, Roderick Macrae, and Patricia Coopey.

One plaque honoring Miss Scully was presented by the Girls Health Education Department and contains the names of girls who have excelled in health education. Janet Amundson's name appears for the year 1957, while June Nilsen and Theodora Van Der Horst are listed for the year 1958. On the other plaque are placed the yearly winners of the basketball and volleyball intramural games.

—o—

G.O. Officers

(Continued from Page 1)

Modern Dance Club.

Mr. Joseph Kottmann and Mr. Eugene Sterne, faculty advisers of the G.O., both agreed that "the students of Fort Hamilton High School couldn't have elected a more amiable group of officers. We are sure that they will do as fine a job as the previous ones."

Grade Advisers -- 1958-59

The grade advisers are specialists chosen by the principal to guide you during your stay in high school. They are equipped to advise you in your selection of subjects, and in your choice of a college or a vocation.

When you have any difficulty that you cannot solve by yourself, you should consult your grade adviser. You can make an appointment with him (or her) by filling out a GRADE ADVISER APPOINTMENT FORM and placing it in the GRADE ADVISER'S letter box. A supply of these forms will be found in 145.

Elizabeth G. Hoffman
Administrative Assistant

Miss Ahearn (1A and 2J23, 2J24)	**Daily**	**1, 7, 8**	**145**
Mr. Joltin (1B and 2J25, 2J26)	**Daily**	**5, 6, 7**	**145**
Mr. Davino (2A)	**Daily**	**1, 7, 8**	**145**
Mrs. Swahn (2B)	**Daily**	**1, 2, 8**	**145**
Mrs. Hart (3A)	**Daily**	**2, 7, 8**	**137**
Mrs. Kahn (3B)	**Daily**	**1, 7, 8**	**137**
Mrs. Deerson (3C and 2J27, 2J28)	**Daily**	**2, 7, 8**	**147**
Mrs. Bonom (4A)	**Daily**	**1, 7, 8**	**124**
Mrs. Mayer (4B)	**Daily**	**6, 7, 8**	**124**